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Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully request a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 29, 1999. A check in the amount of \$870 is enclosed which covers the total amount due for the extension of time.

We believe that we have appropriately provided for fees due in connection with this submission, however, if there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge the fees to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448**.

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If there are any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1754.

Respectfully submitted, FOLEY, HOAG, & ELIOT LLP

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